have been necessitated and the general impression in the land is that the whole affair has become an open scandal. Are the Government aware of it?

The MINISTER for REVENUE and FINANCE (Rajamantrapravina K. V. Anantaraman).—No. All the same, as promised by the Minister in charge of the Railway portfolio, the matter will be enquired into.

Appointment of Medical Probationers.

Q.—27. **Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA YENGAR** (T.-Narsipur—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many have passed the final M.B.B.S. Examination since 1936 (year-wise);

(*b*) how many of them are employed in Government service and since when;

(*c*) the criteria in making such selections;

(*d*) whether there are instances when the claims of medical graduates of previous years have been overlooked in preference to new graduates (since 1936);

(*e*) of such medical graduates appointed, how many are related to Government servants and in what way;

(*f*) whether four medical probationers were taken some time back; if so, whether they or any of them are related to Government servants;

(*g*) in what years those probationers took their degrees;

(*h*) whether medical graduates of previous years had not applied for them; if so, why their claims were overlooked;

(*i*) how many medical graduates of more than three years' standing are still unemployed?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. V. Vedavyasacharya).**—

(*a*) The number of students who passed the final M.B.B.S. Examination since 1936 is given below:—

1936	...	...	11
1937	...	...	17
1938	...	...	26
1939	...	...	18
1940	...	...	15
1941	...	...	11

(*b*) 31. Information is furnished in the statement enclosed. (*Vide* Appendix.)

(*c*) Selections are made on considerations of merit, communal representation, and interests of public service.

(*d*) Yes. Selections cannot be made on the mere basis of priority in passing the examination.

(*e*) Information is not available.

(*f*) Yes. Two of them are related to retired Government officers.

(*g*) 1940.

(*h*) Medical graduates of previous years had also applied and the most suitable amongst the whole lot were selected.

(*i*) Information is not available.

Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—May I know what exactly is meant by the phrase 'interests of public service' mentioned in the answer to (*c*)?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—The meaning of that phrase is perfectly clear and does not require any elucidation.

Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—May I know what is meant by 'consideration of merit'?

The MINISTER for REVENUE and FINANCE (Rajamantrapravina K. V. Anantaraman).—The same answer.

Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—Who decides whether a particular student has special merit or not?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—The Government, on the advice of the Senior Surgeon.

Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—Are the claims of the different communities, which are stated to be taken into consideration in making the selections, based on the Central Recruitment Board rules?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—No.

Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—Then, are any other special rules framed for the purpose?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—No.

Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—With reference to answer (*d*), may I know the number or the percentage of cases of medical graduates who had passed in the previous examinations but

who were superseded in connection with these appointments?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—There is no question of either supersession or overlooking the claims of those who had passed in previous years. Mere priority in passing examinations is no claim for preference.

Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—How many of the probationers who were recently appointed have passed the medical examinations with distinction?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—That information is not readily available.

Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—At the time of taking the probationers, how many applications had been received from medical graduates of previous years?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Notice.

Mr. K. HANUMANTHIAH.—Is it not possible to say whether the probationers are related to any of the high officers of Government?

The MINISTER for LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT and PUBLIC HEALTH (Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda).—Appointments were given to them not because they were related to particular officers but on other grounds. It may be that they are related to some high officers. But the one has nothing to do with the other

Mrs. H. S. MADHAVA RAO.—Is there any rule or order prohibiting sons or other relations of high officers of Government from studying for Medicine and sitting up for public examinations?

The MINISTER for EDUCATION (Mr. J. Mahomed Imam).—No.

Depressed Class and Mahomedan Scholarships in High Schools.

Q.—32. **Mr. D. SHAIK AHMED SAHEB** (Dodballapur *cum* Nelamangala *cum* Magadi, Mahomedan—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of scholarship sanctioned to (i) Depressed Classes and (ii) Muslims, studying in High Schools from 1930-31 to 1940-41 (yearwar figures may kindly be given)?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. J. Appaji Gowda).**—

Year	Amount of scholarship sanctioned to Depressed Classes (i) Rs.	Amount of scholarship sanctioned to Muslim (ii) Rs.
1930-31 ...	5,900	3,200
1931-32 ...	5,900	3,200
1932-33 ...	8,175	3,480
1933-34 ...	8,175	3,480
1934-35 ...	8,175	3,480
1935-36 ...	8,175	3,480
1936-37 ...	8,175	3,480
1937-38 ...	8,175	3,480
1938-39 ...	8,175	3,480
1939-40 ...	10,875	3,480
1940-41 ...	12,975	3,480

Mr. JATHARE NAIK.—What is the population of the Depressed Classes and of the Muslims respectively?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Approximately 14 lakhs and 3 lakhs.

An ADIKARNATAKA MEMBER.—What is the number of students belonging to Depressed Classes and Muslims studying in High Schools?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—541 and 904 respectively.

The MEMBER.—To which year do those figures relate?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—To the year 1940-41.

The MEMBER.—How many of them are getting scholarships?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—179 Depressed Class students and 219 Muslims.

The MEMBER.—Is 179 an adequate number when compared to the population of the Depressed Classes?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Adequacy or otherwise is a matter of opinion.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Will a larger number of scholarships be given to Depressed Class students in future at least?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—That does not arise out of the main question.

Mr. T. M. KHAN.—Does the figure 219 mentioned by the General Secretary refer to the number of students receiving scholarships from the Government grant exclusively or does it include scholarships granted out of interest accruing on private endowments also?